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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA: PRELIMINARY SUPPORT FOR NSG DRAFT
EXCEPTION TEXT FOR INDIA

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¶1. (SBU) On August 13, PolEcon Chief met with Andrej Slapnicar, Acting Head of the MFA Security Division, to request Slovenia's support for the NSG draft exception for India at the August 21-22 Plenary, per reftel. Slapnicar said his preliminary reaction was that Slovenia was "encouraged by the Board of Governors' consensus." He noted, however, that Slovenia could not give an official response before August 19, once MFA Director General Pipan returns to Ljubljana and has a chance to consider the material. He indicated that Slovenia would likely support the USG position. In an August 12 meeting, Emboffs also made these same points with Marjan Levstek, Acting Head of Slovenia's Nuclear Safety Administration. Levstek similarly commented that although he was not in a position to give an official answer, "I don't see a reason not to support [the exception text]."

¶2. (SBU) Post will report any follow up.

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